

Milwaukee Eviction Court Survey

Intro Script

Hello, my name is [Interviewer's Name]. Working with researchers at the University of Wisconsin and Harvard University, I am conducting very short interviews with people at eviction court today. We are giving \$5 as a token of appreciation to people who are eligible for the study and complete the interview.

Are you here today because you received an eviction notice?

IF YES: Is your name listed on an eviction notice?

IF YES: [Continue with script]

IF NO: Could I please speak with someone whose name is listed on the eviction notice?

IF NO: Thank you for your time.

We are interested in some aspects of your experiences with eviction.

The interview should take less than five minutes. Any information you share with us will be kept strictly confidential. Your name will not be attached to any information you provide. And your information will not be shared with anyone, including anyone in court today like your landlord or the commissioners.

If you complete the interview, I'd like to thank you by giving you a gift of 5 dollars.

IF WITH CHILDREN: I have an activity for your children to do while we talk.

This tells you a little bit about the study.

[INTERVIEWER: HAND OUT INFORMATION CARD]

We are conducting very short interviews after people have seen the commissioner. Would you like to participate in this study?

IF YES: Thank you. I will be waiting in the hall. Just come find me after you've met with the commissioner, okay?

IF NO: Okay. But if you change your mind, I will be waiting in the hall after you've met with the commissioner.

Oral Consent

Thank you for taking the time to talk with me today. During this interview, please keep in mind that your participation is completely voluntary. You can end the interview at any time. And, again, all of your answers will be kept completely confidential. Are you ready to begin?